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I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought, namely the invention entitled: **IMPACT-ABSORBING STEERING COLUMN APPARATUS** described and claimed in international application number **PCT/JP03/010417** filed on **August 19, 2003**.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56.

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Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-293237 filed on October 7, 2002  
Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-137823 filed on May 15, 2003

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